

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02464-APM**

DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION v. U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/25/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/25/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5759243) filed by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Lewis, John) (Entered: 10/25/2018)
10/25/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zmd) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
10/26/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Lewis, John) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
10/31/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice to Counsel/Party) (zmd) (Entered: 10/31/2018)

11/15/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/7/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/7/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/7/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY served on 11/14/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration Proof of Service)(Lewis, John) (Entered: 11/15/2018)
12/06/2018	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.(Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 12/06/2018)
12/07/2018	<u>6</u>	ORDER: Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before December 21, 2018. See attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/07/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 12/07/2018)
12/10/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/21/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/21/2018	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Lewis, John) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/21/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report in this case on or before 1/24/2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/21/2018. (lcapm2) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/21/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/24/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 12/26/2018)
01/22/2019	<u>8</u>	Consent MOTION to Stay , MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Hudak, Brian) (Entered: 01/22/2019)
01/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>8</u> Consent Motion for Stay and Extension of Time. This matter is hereby stayed. Within fourteen days of Department of Justice operations resuming, the parties shall submit a Joint Status Report that proposes a schedule for further proceedings in this matter. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 01/23/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 01/23/2019)
02/08/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Lewis, John) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/08/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>9</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, the parties shall submit a subsequent Joint Status Report on or before March 15, 2019, providing the court with an update on production. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 02/08/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/08/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/15/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
03/13/2019	<u>10</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Derek S. Hammond on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY Substituting for attorney Benton G. Peterson (Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 03/13/2019)
03/15/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Lewis, John) (Entered: 03/15/2019)
03/18/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file their next Joint Status Report, updating the court on the status of production, by April 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 03/18/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 03/18/2019)
03/18/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/15/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 03/22/2019)
04/15/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. (Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 04/15/2019)
04/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file their next Joint Status Report, updating the court on the status of production, by June 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 04/16/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 04/16/2019)

04/16/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/15/2019. (tb) (Entered: 04/16/2019)
06/14/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Lewis, John) (Entered: 06/14/2019)
06/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file their next Joint Status Report by August 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 06/14/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 06/14/2019)
06/14/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/15/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 06/17/2019)
08/15/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. (Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 08/15/2019)
08/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file their next Joint Status Report by October 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 08/15/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 08/15/2019)
08/15/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/15/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 08/16/2019)
10/15/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. (Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 10/15/2019)